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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE BIG PUSH IN THE WEST.

Warm Welcomes for the Liberators.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that there were affecting scenes on the entry of the French troops into reconquered towns, the inhabitants most joyfully acclaiming the liberators.

Noyon was found to be intact. Before the war it had 8,000 inhabitants. Now it has 10,000, the Germans having concentrated villagers in the neighbourhood.

The General entering Noyon was General Fayolle, who distinguished himself in the Somme offensive, and who is head of the Sixth Army.

Much Brisk Fighting.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—On Monday we continued to press hard on the heels of the retreating enemy, our reconnoitring patrols, of which we have a considerable force, frequently meeting Uhlans, who are covering the rear guard.

The result is much brisk fighting, but the main enemy forces decline to take action.

Whatever the enemy's tactical scheme, it is certain we have forestalled him, and are hustling him to a degree he did not anticipate. The weather is still dry, and is most favourable for open fighting.

Every German movement is being watched with cat-like vigilance, and all along the line we are prepared to pounce on the enemy.

Our patrols have crossed the Arras-Bapaume road and the railway at many points, and although we cannot yet claim to dominate these important roads, the Germans are certainly off them. In other words, the great salient has practically gone.

A Hundred Townships and Villages Liberated.

London, March 19.

A French communique says:—Our light detachments, keeping in close touch with the enemy, continue to advance without stopping.

We have reached the Ham-Nesle Railway, east of Nesle at several points, have occupied Guisard, north of Noyon, and have advanced our patrols along the national road of St. Quentin.

We have captured the second German position east of Mies. We have now liberated about one hundred French townships and villages during the last three days.

The enemy has shamefully devastated and pillaged many localities.

A thousand inhabitants, whom the Germans were unable to drive away, came to welcome us.

THE RUSSIAN REORGANISATION.

Reactionary Officials Being Dismissed.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Detective and Gendarmerie services are being reorganised, and former members are being sent to the front.

Reactionary Metropolitan officials in Petrograd and in Moscow are being compulsorily retired.

Presidents of the Zemstvos or Mayors are replacing the Provincial Governors in the management of food supplies.

The Case of Finland.

London, March 19.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, M. Kerensky, Minister of Justice, has ordered the Tobolsk District Court immediately to release M. Svin Hyyr, former President of the Finnish Diet, and to arrange for his journey to Petrograd.

The Cabinet will shortly discuss the issuing of a manifesto concerning Finnish liberties. Preparations are proceeding with Baron Rosen, former Ambassador to Washington, with a view to his appointment as Governor General of Finland.

FRENCH POLITICS.

War Policy Unchanged.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the resignation of the French Cabinet in no wise affects war policy.

M. Ribot is forming a Cabinet.

M. Briand's Resignation.

London, March 19.

The resignation of M. Briand is scarcely understood, but is seemingly due, largely, to personal jealousies and enmities. The sober Paris journals regret the resignation at the present juncture, but the whole of the Press emphasises that there is no diminution in war enthusiasm.

The English Press abstains from comment.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

Further Russian Progress.

London, March 19.

A Russian official wireless message states:—We dislodged the Turks from a number of positions to the south of Bana. The enemy is retiring towards Pendshevin.

We occupied Harnabadi, to the south-west of Kermanshah.

U. S. RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the railway strike is over.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

"A State of War Virtually Exists."

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that in view of the ruthless submarine warfare of three American merchantmen, it is unofficially admitted that a state of war virtually exists between America and Germany.

Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality, but President Wilson contemplates an immediate session of Congress to receive an address requesting authority to adopt aggressive measures against submarines.

Merchantmen are already being armed defensively, and the next move must be to send out warships in search of submarines and to clear the trans-Atlantic lanes.

In view of the added seriousness of the situation, President Wilson on Sunday determined that the railway strike must be prevented at all hazards, and railway managers authorised the mediators to make whatever arrangements were necessary with the men's Unions to prevent a strike, as an uninterrupted and efficient operation of the railways was indispensable to national defence.

GERMAN IMAGINATION.

Story of Zeppelin Raid on London.

London, March 19.

German official reports state that Zeppelins on Friday night dropped bombs on London and the South-Eastern Counties and returned safely, despite a furious fire by defensive guns. British airmen were unable to approach the airships. The Thames was darkened, but London was distinctly visible.

Nothing is known in London to confirm the above.

A Recent Raid.

London, March 19.

There has been no further official statement on the Zeppelin raid of March 17, but unofficial reports indicate that it caused the least damage of any raid hitherto.

(In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.)

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ASIATIC FRONT.

General Maude's Proclamation.

London, March 18.

The Press Bureau announces that General Maude has issued the following proclamation at Bagdad: The British come not as conquerors, but as liberators to relieve you from tyranny and bondage. The Turks-Germans have despoiled you and made Bagdad for twenty years a centre assailing British power in Persia and Arabia. The Entente hopes that the Arab race will again rise to greatness and renown, and invite your representatives to participate in the civil management in collaboration with the British political representatives accompanying the army.

Turks Flee Before Russians.

Petrograd, March 19.

A communique states that the Russian cavalry attacked an enemy column falling back on Sennah from the direction of Kermanshah. The Turk fled in disorder over trackless mountains.

Fighting continues in the neighbourhood of Kermanshah.

DESTROYERS OFF KENTISH COAST.

London, March 19.

The Press Bureau announces that enemy destroyers approached the Kentish coast at 12.45 this morning and fired shells into coast town. There were no casualties but slight damage was done to three houses.

The raid lasted five minutes. Nine shells were fired.

THE GREAT GERMAN RETREAT.

Over Sixty Villages Occupied.

London, March 18.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We have occupied Nesle, Chaulnes and Peronne. We pressed back the German rear guard and advanced several miles during the twenty-four hours to a depth of ten miles on a front of forty-five miles from south-west of Chaulnes to the neighbourhood of Arras. We also occupied over sixty villages.

Two German raids reached our trenches north-east of Vermelles.

There has been great trial activity. On Saturday we dispersed a number of late German formations, bringing down seven machines and driving down nine damaged machines. Eight of ours missing.

How Hun Story is Written.

London, March 19.

A German official report, received by wireless, states:—In the sections of territory which we voluntarily evacuated between Arras and the line there has been fighting at only few points between covering troops and the enemy's cavalry and infantry.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GREAT GERMAN RETREAT.

Poisoned Wells!

London, March 19.

A despatch from Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters shows that the British advance is resulting in a very wide extension of the German retreat. The northern and southern pivots of our forward move now represent nearly one third of our whole line. The enemy is falling back at a rate probably unprecedented since the days succeeding the battle of the Marne. There is no doubt that the mobility of our advance has caused him greatly to accelerate his retreat and has led him to quit strong defensive positions rather than let our columns come closely into contact with his covering line. Our pursuing tactics have been greatly favoured by the dry weather, the greatly improved condition of the communications and the comparatively good surface of the new ground over which we are moving.

The correspondent adds that throughout his experience at the front he has never witnessed such activity in the rear of an advance.

The spirit of the troops is buoyant. All are anxious to participate in the new game of open warfare.

Bapaume was found to be considerably less damaged than was expected.

The correspondent, specifying the latest progress, mentions a string of towns and villages, the most important of which are Peronne and Chaulnes, which have been captured. In one instance our patrols caught the enemy in the trenches, and attached with bombs, with considerable effect. He refers to many fires behind the enemy lines, caused by the burning of villages. There was a particularly great conflagration at Peronne.

The dastardly act of poisoning the wells in the course of the retreat, as perpetrated in German South-west Africa, is being committed again. The Medical Corps has certified that the water supply at Barleux was poisoned. This is believed to have been generally carried out.

The despatch concludes: "I am just informed that the British cavalry have ridden in pursuit of the enemy north of Bapaume."

French Advance Continued.

Paris, March 19.

A communique states:—The French advance was continued on a front of over 60 kilometres between the Arre and the Aisne.

North of the Arre the French cavalry entered Nesle. We immediately threw out patrols towards the Somme. They fought several engagements with the enemy rear guards, which feebly resisted. The French advanced twenty kilometres north-east of Lassigny, in the direction of Ham. Further south our cavalry and light detachments, following the valley of the Oise, occupied Noyon at ten in the morning.

Between the Oise and Soissons the whole German first line with the villages of Carlepoint, Morsain, and Nourvillere (sic) fell into our hands. We gained a footing on the plateau north of Soissons and occupied Crouy.

We easily repulsed an enemy attack near Rheims. There was lively artillery activity in Champagne and at Verdun. A German attack at Chambray collapsed.

The Run of Events.

London, March 19.

Events on the western front are moving with bewildering rapidity. The well-known lines and maps are changing hourly. The Germans still cling to the formula of "withdrawing according to plan," but there is longer any doubt that a serious breach has been made in Germany's famous wall of steel. The breach extends from Monchy, south-west of Arras, to the Noyon plateau, a distance of about a hundred miles as the trenches go. The German armies in this sector are falling back towards the Belgian frontier, with Anglo-French cavalry pursuing. There is naturally no question of a general German collapse, but the retreat is certain to have a demoralising influence on the harassed Germans, especially as the main direction of the Anglo-French offensive threatens the most vital part of the German line and likewise strikes at the communications.

The Allies are now within eight miles of St. Quentin and five miles of Cambrai, both very important centres. There is considerable speculation as to where the Germans will make their next stand, but they undoubtedly will not have undisputed choice of ground.

The capture of Noyon is a most important moral and tactical achievement, since it breaks the nose of the German salient menacingly pointed at Paris.

The Germans left an appalling scene of wanton destruction behind them. Everything possible was destroyed except the wire entanglements, which in many cases were intact; but this is nothing compared to the crowning iniquity of poisoning the wells, which were filled with arsenic.

The German papers are laboriously explaining away the retreat. A Munich paper declares that the Germans still hold the initiative, as they can attack or retreat when they like. "General Hindenburg pursues his way undisturbed, leading his troops forward or backward, but certainly to victory."

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

The Interned German Sailors.

Washington, March 19.

Seven hundred German sailors interned at Philadelphia Navy Yard are being removed to forts in Georgia, where the regulars will guard them.

"A Broad Daylight Outrage."

London, March 19.

The third engineer of the City of Memphis states that the torpedoing was a deliberate broad daylight outrage. The American flag was flying and the stars and stripes painted on the sides of the vessel, also, in huge letters, "U.S.A."

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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE LATE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

London, March 19.

The Duchess of Connaught has been cremated.

YACHTING.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The results of the ninth and last of the series of Club Championship Races for the Handicap, One Design, and Hayward Hays and Gail Classes are as follows:—

Handicap Class.
Course:—Stonecutters Island (S). Distance 9 miles.

Yacht	Heaps on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
M.S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Dione	1.30	4.07.19	4.08.19
Rolla	Scratch	4.09.13	4.09.13
Jessica	4.45	4.13.09	4.12.24
Kathleen	6.00	4.19.45	4.13.45
Colleen	4.30	4.14.50	4.10.30
Musetta	45.00	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Aileen	3.00	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Position.	Pts.	Pts.	
(1) Dione	8	51	
(2) Rolla	6	53	
(3) Colleen	5	45	
(4) Jessica	4	33	
(5) Kathleen	3	35	
— Musetta	—	8	
— Aileen	—	8	

Winner of Championship.

One Design Class.
Course:—Stonecutters Island (S). Distance 9 miles.

Yacht	Heaps on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Al's	Scratch	4.33.32	4.33.32
Bonita	"	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Daphne	"	4.32.82	4.32.82
Halcyon	"	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Position.	Pts.	Pts.	
(1) Daphne	5	38	
(2) Al's	3	20	
— Bonita	—	11	
— Halcyon	—	24	

Winner of Championship.

Hayward Hays and Gail Class.
Course:—Stonecutters Island (S). Distance 9 miles.

Yacht	Heaps on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Lysbeth	2.15	5.23.02	5.25.17
Owl	Scratch	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Thecla	4.45	5.41.38	5.42.23
Toinette	3.35	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Dawn	Scratch	5.16.50	5.16.50
Lady Ursula	Scratch	D.N.S.	D.N.S.
Sirius	"	5.25.55	5.26.55
Position.	Pts.	Pts.	
(1) Dawn	8	53	
(2) Lysbeth	6	69	
(3) Sirius	5	5	
(4) Thecla	4	45	
— Owl	—	—	
— Toinette	—	—	
— Lady Ursula	—	—	

Winner of Championship.

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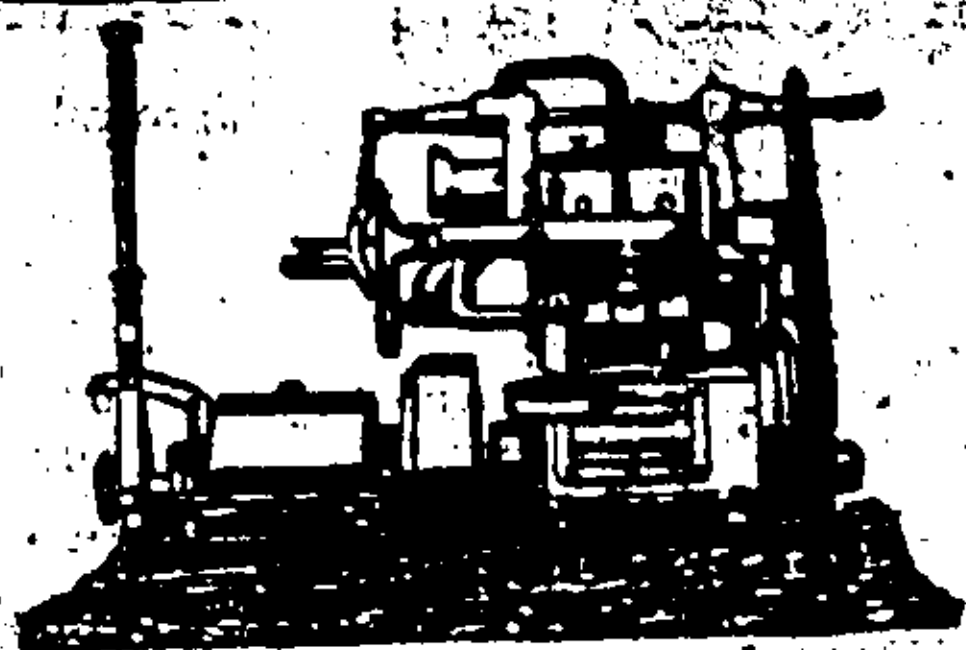
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GENERAL NEWS

Special Instructions to American Ambassadors.

The State Department has instructed the American Ambassadors, Ministers, and Consular representatives in England, France, Russia, Japan, Rumania, Serbia, Greece, Egypt, and Morocco to suspend all activities in relation to German interests which they had taken over and to await information to be conveyed through some neutral Government as to whom Germany wishes her interests to be entrusted to.

2,000 Belgian Slaves at Krupp's. Le Havre, Feb. 7.-The Germans have peeped up in Belgium the following notice:-

"Bring to the notice of the population that workmen leaving the factories without sufficient reason, or who temporarily absent themselves, will be immediately deported to Germany." Two thousand deported Belgians are actually working at Krupp's. The municipal authorities of Malines, having refused to pull down the ruins resulting from German bombardments, a fine of 20,000 marks has been imposed upon the town.

New Glass Factory for Taiwan. Among other projected activities the South Manchurian Railway purposes to establish a glass factory at Taiwan during the present year. The district abounds with siliceous stone and coal and the possibilities for success seem good; Y 100,000 is to be appropriated for the purpose this year and Y 70,000 for 1918. Demands for glassware in South Manchuria have been on the increase annually, especially since the beginning of the war, which has stopped the import of British and German wares. To begin with, the new factory will take up the manufacture of table ware and other articles for household use. In due course of time the manufacture of plate glass will be undertaken.

Another Opium Case at Manchester.

Mr. E. Brerley, the City Stipendiary Magistrate had before him, at the Manchester City Police Court recently four Chinese laundrymen charged with being in unlawful possession of opium. The police evidence showed that at the rooms of three of the prisoners in Waterloo Road, Chesham, and at the house of the other prisoner, in Stanley Grove, Longlight, quantities of opium were found, both in the raw state and prepared for smoking, together with pans for preparing it, opium pipes, and other material. When charged with being in possession of the opium contrary to the Defence of the Realm Regulations two of the prisoners explained that they had obtained it from sailors at Liverpool. The four men were remanded in custody.

Colonel Sir P. L. Nathan, who has been appointed with Sir Erskine Blackwell and Major Cooper-Key to inquire into the recent explosion, is one of the family of remarkable brothers, three of whom were knighted for their services to the Empire. Sir Frederic is the great explosives expert who was superintendent of the Royal Gunpowder Factory, and left it to manage Nobel's Ardeer works. His younger brother, Sir Matthew, who is the only Jew to have been a Colonial Governor, will be remembered as the Governor of Natal and Hongkong. He resigned the Irish Under-Secretaryship after last year's revolt, and was recently appointed secretary to the Pensions Ministry. Their eldest brother, Sir Nathaniel, who died last February, was Chief Justice and Attorney General of Trinidad. Major Nathan, R.E., is well known in North China as the Agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. And the youngest brother, Mr. Robert Nathan, has been Under-Secretary to the Government of India and private secretary to the Viceroy. The father, the late Mr. Joseph Nathan, was a member of the firm which had the monopoly of supplying coal to the Bank of England, and he did not believe in public action for his sons. -L. and O. Express.

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BIRTH.

MATTHEWS.—February 1, wife of late Lieut. Humphrey Matthews, R.N., H.M.S. Hampshire, son:

MARRIAGE.

HOLT—THOMSON CLAY.—January 31, at Edinburgh, Alfred Holt, son of late Alfred Holt, of Liverpool, to Jean, daughter of A. Thomson Clay, W.S.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1917.

THE NEW REPUBLIC.

Within less than seven years from the death of Tolstoi, the day for which he longed has come, and the people of Russia have wrenched themselves free from their ancient form of government. That the dissolution will prove a permanent one there cannot be a shadow of doubt. China, Portugal, and even France, might conceivably revert to monarchy, but Russia, having once tasted the joys of self-government, is as unlikely to want to see a return to the Empire as Switzerland or the United States to declare in favour of a King and a House of Peers. Though every instinct of the average Britisher is—and probably will remain—entirely opposed to Republicanism, it is not difficult to sympathise with the Russians or to see why a revolt against the Romanoffs was inevitable. While there can be no doubt that His Majesty Nicholas II has done much to retrieve the errors of his forebears, and while all are bound to feel that he is being made the unfortunate scapegoat for their sins; the general opinion throughout the world will most certainly be that he represented a state of affairs for which there is no room in the twentieth century. Throughout the war every Russian with a sense of humour must have been cynically amused to reflect that his countrymen were giving their lives to destroy tyranny, not in their own country but in another; that they were devoting their energies to scrubbing out another man's house, while their own stood badly in need of similar attentions.

The Revolution was bound to come, for no amount of modification of the old system could ever have satisfied a people that is fast coming to the front rank in every walk of life. Nothing but complete severance from the old ways could be of any real use. That it has come at a moment like the present is less to be regretted than might have seemed at first sight; for so far from retarding the victory of the Allies, there can be little question but that it will hasten that happy day. The men who have taken over the control of the country are not the frantic and ignorant and blood-mad butchers who contrived to make their influence so tragically felt at the time of the first French Revolution. There may yet be manifestations of mob revenge against the men recently in power, but the moderate men in the Duma can, we believe, be relied upon to prevent anything like a prolonged Reign of Terror. They have surely seen too much of injustice and tyranny in the past to wish to incur the charge of seeking to make bad worse and to keep intolerance alive under another name.

The manifesto issued by the provisional Government points to a sincere desire for the triumph of right and justice, and it shows an uncompromising determination that the lawful wishes of the people shall prevail. In this way it contains no speak of comfort or encouragement for the Central Powers. On the contrary, it shows them plainly that the very principles for which these Powers have been fighting are those which New Russia, in common with the two great democratic Powers, Britain and France, has no intention of tolerating. The Kaiser has ever been anxious to see political disturbances rise in Russia; to-day he has got his wish—and is most certainly regretting that he ever encouraged the desire, for the revolution has dealt yet one more blow at his posterous pretensions. To-day he is bound to ask himself how long it will be before the people of the German Empire imitate those of Russia; and the Emperor of Austria, the Sultan of Turkey and the Tsar of Bulgaria are likewise bound. The day of absolutism of government is over, and that fact is being steadily impressed on the Kaiser and his allies daily, from all quarters. That there is an uncomfortable possibility of the rise of even greater tyranny—that of Socialism—is a point to which no man of the world is blind; and, should Russia be condemned to go through a brief period of this, it can hardly excite much surprise. A captive pendulum released must necessarily swing in the opposite direction before it finally settles at the perpendicular. Britain suffered more persecution at the hands of Cromwell than under the Stuarts, and the rule of the French monarchy was only by comparison with that of the "Terror". But the more the people of Russia, of Britain or of any other country is made to suffer from the dominating of Labour, the more firmly resolved will it be to deal with that as it has done with aristocratic tyranny, and to establish a new age in which the persecution of one class by another will be an impossibility.

A Noble Work.

The war has produced many a charitable work, but surely none will serve a nobler purpose than the Queen's Auxiliary Hospital which has been brought into being to minister to those of our soldiers and sailors who have suffered grievous facial injuries, in many cases of such a nature as to render them at first almost unrecognisable. The mail from Home has brought us some particulars of this institution, which has been established under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The scheme is planned and is being organised by Mr. C. H. Kenderline, one of the organisers of Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospitals for limbleless sailors and soldiers, and there can be no doubt as to its extreme value to many of our most broken men. A beautiful country mansion—Frogall, in Kent, the residence of the late Earl Sydney—has been secured for a term of five years, and immediately adjacent to this magnificent seat (with its accommodation for one hundred convalescent patients) a primary hospital is being erected, capable of dealing with 200 additional cases. This hospital is being constructed on the most modern scientific principles, and here it will be possible to deal with a large number of the worst cases and to continue their convalescent treatment amidst fine surroundings.

Some Splendid Features. It is well established that cases of the kind to be treated in this institution require continuous and special care during a long period of convalescence. In a circular issued by the promoters of the scheme, it is pointed out that the marvels of present-day surgery can effect cures in 80 per cent. of the cases if sufficient time and careful nursing are available, but experience shows that frequently a period of from one to two years is required to build up and restore the features of men who would otherwise be permanently disfigured. It is rightly urged that no effort must be spared to give these wounded men, many of them mere lads, a fresh interest and a new start in life—preferably in the country—and to make them realise that they are not needless wrecks. We are glad, therefore, to see that the scheme does not stop at repairing the physical injuries, but that these gallant lads, as they recover, will have an opportunity of learning a trade or gaining experience in outdoor occupations, especially egg production on the intensive system, the cultivation of fruit and vegetables, and general farm work. Practical instruction is also to be given in estate carpentry and other handicrafts. It is hoped that the hospital will be ready to receive patients some time during next month. In the meantime, particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, London, S.W.

A Demented Germany. When the German papers set to work to explain away the present retreat, and when one of them gravely remarks that von Hindenburg pursues his way undisturbed, leading his troops forward or backward, but certainly to victory, we know exactly what to think. Germany, including the press, has gone mad, and will never return to sanity until all power is taken out of her hands. From every direction the sword points straight at her. From Russia comes the direct warning that a country belongs to its people and not to a chosen few; from Bagdad an intimation that British power in the East is finished; from China a plain hint that Germany's most hopeful market no longer exists; from the Western front hourly reports of French and British conquests. Her allies know of all this. Is it likely that they will be willing to stand by her to the end, and to fall side by side with her? Germany knows best about that, and, if she cannot see the impossibility and the truth for a moment, she would own that the link between her and her friends is well nigh worn through. But she does not yet speak the truth. Perhaps she is too busy putting arsenic in the water of the places which, "according to a pre-arranged plan," she is scuttling out of.

DAY-BY-DAY.

MANY A TIME WE START OUT IN THE MORNING WITH GOOD RESOLUTIONS, AND BY NOONTIME WE'RE LIMPING A BIT.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.3/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 74th anniversary of the death of Robert Southey.

The Oxford Local.

Ex-try forms for the Oxford Local Preliminary Examination may be obtained from the Local Secretary, Mr. Charles Gerken, St. Stephen's College.

Whist Drive.

The fortnightly whist drive will be held in the Police Mess, at the Naval Yard, on the 21st inst. It is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

The Colony's Health.

Last week there were seven cases of small-pox notified in the Colony (all Chinese), of which six terminated fatally. There were also six cases of enteric fever (all Chinese), four of which ended in death.

Alleged Assault.

Three launchmen were charged on remand, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with assaulting an Indian constable at the Dockyard. Complainant sustained a broken jaw and had been in hospital. The case was adjourned.

Rats Caught.

The rat returns, which were presented to the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, showed that no less than 2,168 rats were caught in the week ending March 3, and 2,115 in the week ending March 10. None of these was found to be infected with plague.

Ignorance No Defence.

A Chinese frankly admitted that he had cut a large quantity of pine wood from the hillside, which he said he wanted to burn, when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning. His Worship said the man had no right to do that, and defendant replied that he did not know the law. His Worship retorted that defendant must have known the law very well. He had evidently cut down whole trees. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Not Guilty.

The case which we reported as proceeding yesterday at the Criminal Sessions, in which an Indian money-lender named Bishon Singh was charged with attempting to obtain \$95 from another Indian by means of an altered promissory note, was concluded last evening after we went to press. Mr. G. N. Orme prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin defended. After having retired to consider their verdict, the jury found the prisoner not guilty by a majority of six to one.

Unlawful Possession.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of five electric bulbs. The first defendant said the second had given them to him, promising to give him ten cents out of the proceeds. The second defendant said that he asked the engineer on a steamer for them to light a shop with. Inspector Sim stated there were a lot of lamps being stolen from steamers. The first defendant was discharged and the second fined \$10, or 14 days' imprisonment.

Unregistered School.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese schoolmaster was charged with having more than nine pupils in his unregistered school at Quarry Bay. Mr. Cavalier stated he visited defendant's premises and found eight pupils, with four others hiding elsewhere. The defendant was only allowed nine. He applied for registration on February 1, but was refused. Defendant said he had only two pupils. His Worship pointed out that he was only allowed nine. Defendant said that the other children he had engaged to carry water for him. In fine, defendant \$10, his Worship said that if the school were found open after this, with more pupils than nine, he would be fined more heavily.

S.S. KWAI SANG.

Launching Ceremony at Kowloon.

There was a large attendance at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the launching of the s.s. Kwai Sang, a large ocean-going steamer, the Company is building for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. In response to many invitations numerous well-known residents assembled, and it was gratifying that the launch passed off with the greatest amount of success.

Among those present were noticed His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Ventris), the Hon. Mr. E. Shalim, the Hon. Mr. O. E. Anton, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Sharp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. Oswald Severn, O.M.G., Commodore Soodman, Commander Beckwith, Colonel Chapman, Major Macdonald, Messrs. E. D. O. Wolfe, W. Logan, A. G. Gordon, Ho Fook, C. McI. Messer, T. F. Hough, J. B. de Lancoster, H. P. White, A. B. Lowe, R. M. Dyer, R. Sutherland, E. V. D. Parr, H. Humphreys, A. O. Lang, E. Tisdale, H. W. Loker, S. H. Dodwell, G. Hastings, W. O. Jacks, J. Lambert, K. Greig, and many other ladies and gentlemen.

The band of the 74th Pongabie rendered a good programme of music prior to the launching. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Anton. Just as the new ship was sliding down the slipway, a bottle of champagne was broken on the bows, and, to the accompaniment of cheers from the onlookers and the firing of crackers, the ship took the water in very pleasing style.

The details of the new ship are as follows:—Dimensions:—Length overall, 301 feet; length B.P., 290 feet; breadth, 42 feet; depth 25 feet. To carry a deadweight of about 3,500 tons on Lloyd's freeboard. The vessel will be fitted with one set of single screw triple expansion engines of about 1,500 I.H.P. and two main boilers 14 feet 3 inches diameter, 10 feet 6 inches long with a working pressure of 180 lbs., one donkey boiler 8 feet 6 inches, working pressure 100 lbs. The auxiliary machinery comprises a steam driven dynamo capable of lighting the wholship, a separate centrifugal circulating pump; two feed pumps and heater, a large ballast pump, and two donkey feed pumps, and a Weir evaporator capable of producing 15 tons of water daily. Water Ballast is carried in a cellular double bottom and also one deep tank. Passengers' officers' engineers' accommodation is fitted up in modern style on the bridge deck, and all suitably lighted and ventilated. She has two steel masts fitted with six derricks and steam winches for the rapid handling and discharge of cargo. The Kwai Sang will have a Hongkong B.O.T. passenger certificate and is designed to have a sea going speed of 11 knots. She is built of steel to Lloyd's class 100 A.I.

After the ceremony the party adjourned to the dock reading room, where refreshments were served.

As Chairmen of the Dock Company, Mr. S. H. Dodwell said that it gave them a great deal of pleasure to see such a representative gathering present. To those who had attended similar functions before, each launching was very much like the last, but under present conditions a great deal more importance attached itself to such a function than the mere formality, for every steamer launched now meant another nail in the coffin of their enemies. (Hear, hear.) He was pleased to say that they and their friends across the harbour were going to put many more nails in that coffin during the next few months. Having mentioned the dimensions of the new ship he said that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company had been one of the best supporters of the Dock from the start, but that was the first ocean-going steamer they had built there, and he hoped it would not be the last. They regretted that the construction of the Kwai Sang

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Hongkong Policeman Killed.

News has been received in the Colony that P. O. Ernest Drury, formerly in the Hongkong Police Force, has been killed somewhere in France. The news has occasioned widespread regret not only among the force, but also among the civil population, as deceased had a large number of intimate friends.

P. O. Drury left Hongkong with the second contingent of Police going to the front, leaving on November, 1915, and he was killed on February 17 this year. When he reached home he joined the King's Royal Rifles. He was a native of Hastings, in Sussex, and had seen previous Army service.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Police School.
Wednesday, March 21.—Class IX (Chief Inspector Kerr).
Friday, March 23.—Class XI (Inspector Gordon).
Monday, March 26.—Class IX.
Thursday, March 29.—Class X (Inspector Gerrard).
Friday, March 30.—Class XI.
No. 2 Company Class of Instruction.

Members of this Class will attend at the Office of the D.S.P. (R.) at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, for examination in Standing Orders and Police Duties.

Strength.
P. O. 624 F. T. Marques is transferred to H. K. V. E. as from this date.

and her sister ship, which was shortly to be launched, had been so greatly delayed owing to the difficulty of getting prompt delivery of the materials. The cost of shipping had gone up by about 200 per cent. since the time she was due to have been launched, so they were assuming that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's appreciation had likewise increased by 200 per cent.—(Laughter). They had taken every care that the Kwai Sang would be a worthy advertisement of the shipbuilding industry of the Colony, and they were anxious to give every satisfaction to her owners. They were prepared to undertake the construction of ships twice, and even three times, the size of the new ship and he thought that it was up to owners at Home and the Government to see that they made the most of the facilities, both in labour and plant, which was afforded by the Dock Company.—(Applause). They desired warmly to thank Miss Anton for kindly performing the christening ceremony, and he asked her acceptance of a gold wrist watch as a small memento of the occasion. He asked the company to drink to the long life of the Kwai Sang and her owners—the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited.

The toast having been heartily drunk, Mr. O. E. Anton, on behalf of the Indo-China Company, replied. He said that the business relations between the two Companies had extended over many years, and he knew he was safe in saying that they had always been of a pleasant character. Sometimes they thought that the Dock Company's charges were high—(laughter)—but the Company always maintained that they were low. They realised that the Dock Company was not run on lines of a charitable institution, as was shown by the results of the 1916 working year. They knew that when the Kwai Sang was finished she would be a boat of which the owners could well be proud. They welcomed the addition to the fleet, for a number of their steamers had been diverted from their ordinary trade and were now doing national service. The new Kwai Sang, in Chinese waters, would be the best and the best would certainly be a noble increase to the Company's fleet. He proposed the health of the Dock Company, which was heartily drunk. The proceedings then terminated.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Sir Ernest Cassel's gift to the Red Cross sale of a fine old silver wine cistern reminds us that the largest example of the kind is to be found—along with many other notable pieces of old English silver—in the possession of Russia says the Chronicle. It weighs 8,000 oz. and can hold 60 gallons, and moreover has rather a curious history. When funds were being got up, in 1735, to build a bridge over the Thames at Westminster a lottery was organised, and this cistern was the chief prize. A Mr. Burran is known to have drawn it, but how thereafter it joined the plate in the Winter Palace at Petrograd has not been discovered.

The Right Hon. F. J. S. Foljambe, whose death is just announced, was the possessor of one of those English names the right pronunciation of which is the despair of all foreigners. It follows no known rule; it is all laws of orthography at defiance, and has in fact been fixed in its indistinct past by local custom. Holders of such names, however, when they emigrate or sink into the humbler ranks of life, often "spell them phonetically." Becham is a familiar instance. Marchbanks, Tins and Chumley are spelling we occasionally meet, and even the form Fadgum may now and again be seen, the name of some remote descendant, no doubt, of the Foljambe family.

To be the possessor of "a lucky star" is almost the best asset which an explorer can command. Sir Ernest Shackleton enjoys that happy estate, and the men who served under him were always ready to take supreme risks in the confidence that fortune would be on their side. Until the disaster in the Ross Sea, Sir Ernest has never lost a comrade, and as he was not personally in charge of the supporting party of the Transantarctic expedition it may be argued that his luck is still intact.

Three of the men who sailed with him in the Nimrod when he made his memorable march furthest north ten years ago have found a grave in Polar ice. Dr. Mackay and Professor Murray joined the Stefansson expedition, and being cast away when the Karink was wrecked were never heard of again. And now Captain Macintosh has perished in what was likely a gallant attempt to join hands with Sir Ernest and his companions, whom he expected to meet at the foot of the Barrier after their march across the Antarctic continent.

The expert drink-mixer of the Anti Alcoholic Committee of the New York Health Department got busy recently in an effort to produce a strictly temperance cocktail. This is the result:—"Take a lump of sugar and place in the bottom of a glass. Add two drops of bitters and a dash of grapefruit juice. Pour in three fingers of grapefruit and the juice of half an orange. Serve in a whiskey glass half full of cracked ice." The new recipe was given to Dr. Charles F. Bolden, Director of the Bureau of Public Health Education, for publication, but he decided it was unfair to inflict the mixture on the public until he had given it a trial, which he proceeded to do. The result was that he added the following to the directions:—"Mix carefully and pour in the sink."

Sanitary Board Resignation. At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, held this afternoon, a letter was received from Mr. F. W. Goldring resigning his seat on the Board.

Small-pox Declining. At the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, it was reported by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Pearce) that since the last meeting of the Board the number of small-pox patients had been 15, as compared with 17 during the previous fortnight. Of these twelve cases three were from Victoria and the rest from districts outside. The exact figures as regards vaccination were not to hand, but they knew that the total vaccination for 1916 amounted to 2,000.

COMPANY REPORTS.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-eighth ordinary meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.) on Wednesday, March 28, at noon, states:—

Working Account 1915.—This account shows a surplus of \$444,357.00.

Re-insurance Fund.—The sum standing at credit of this account has been employed in the purchase of gold securities, and this Fund will be shown as a Sterling Fund in future. It is proposed to appropriate \$125,217.39, out of the profits of the year 1915 to the credit of this Fund. The Fund will then stand at \$77,909.7s. 0d.

Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account.—Depreciation in the market prices of securities and a loss in the value of gold securities as expressed in silver, due to the rise in exchange from 1/11d. the rate as per last report, to 2/4d. the rate at 31st December, 1916, has assisted to reduce the sum standing at credit of the account to \$35,852.27. It is proposed to transfer \$103,140.51 from the profits of the year 1915 to the credit of this account, which will then stand at \$138,992.78.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of \$27 per share, amounting to \$216,000.

Working Account 1916.—The balance at credit of this account is \$467,917.73.

Consulting Committee.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O. M. G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Messrs. White, Mainland and Gabbay retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F. C. A., and A. R. Lowe, F. C. A., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, to be presented at the shareholders' meeting on the 27th inst., states:—

The Directors beg to submit their report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The gross profit for the year is ... \$1,471,131.63
After paying interest, \$124,237.09, and depreciating plant, &c., by \$223,424.83 and paying a bonus to staff of \$50,000.00 ... \$402,631.92
there remains a net profit of ... \$1,688,489.61
and adding amount brought forward as per last report, \$365,316.44, less interim dividend paid 9th November, 1916, \$149,245.00 ... \$216,071.44

leaves available a sum of ... \$1,284,541.05
which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—
To pay a final dividend at the rate of 5% per annum or \$2.50 per share ... \$149,857.50
To pay a Bonus to Shareholders of \$8.00 per share ... \$359,658.00
To transfer to Reserve Fund ... \$300,000.00
To carry forward to new account ... \$475,025.55

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, O. M. G., and Mr. A. S. Sorenson retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Mr. D. Lendale and Mr. D. W. Graddock having resigned on leaving the Colony, the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton and Mr. J. H. Wallace were invited to join the Board in their place, and these appointments require confirmation at this meeting. Mr.

CLARKE'S CIRCUS.

An Excellent Show at Kowloon.

The very large crowd which patronised the opening performance of Clarke's Circus, at Kowloon last evening, must have been a gratifying sight for the management, and, what is more, the excellent show presented, should ensure equally large attendances during the stay of the Company in Hongkong. The large marquee, which has been erected on the waste plot of ground adjacent to the Post Office, was filled almost to its limit, the major portion of the spectators being Chinese, who showed all their customary enthusiasm for such a style of entertainment.

Miss Clarke was the first performer, her graceful equestrian act being very well received. Clowns, so characteristic a feature of all circuses, made their appearance in due course to the accompaniment of the usual knock-about fun. A smart and really meritorious gymnastic display was given by Messrs. and Misses Martinez and Baby Florio, the troupe receiving a good reception. Mr. Clarke executed a clever riding "turn," and following some comic work by Messrs. Morris and Vincent, there was a juggling act on horse back by Messrs. Clarke, this being one of the features of the programme. The Aleximides did a flying trapeze act in daring style, some of the movements being quite exciting. Much fun was caused by the turn given by Muldoon—"the Solid Man"—and the programme was again contributed to by the Martins' troupe, and Messrs. Morris and Vincent, and was brought to a close by an excellent cinematograph picture. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the well-organized manner in which the entertainment was got through, and the Company heartily deserves, and will no doubt receive, the full support of residents.

H. P. White's appointment to the Board, in room of Mr. G. W. Barton resigned, also requires confirmation at this meeting. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell has been appointed Chairman for the year 1917.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F. C. A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F. C. A., who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-ninth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.) on Friday, March 30, states:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year ending 31st December, 1916.
The net profit for the year amounted to \$324,042.01 and after adding \$84,374.11 carried forward from the previous year's accounts there is \$408,416.12, which the General Agents and the Consulting Committee recommend should be dealt with as follows:—
To pay a Dividend of 12 per cent. ... \$240,000.00
To place to Repairs and Renewals A/c. 75,000.00
To write down Slatow Property A/c. 25,000.00
To pay Bonus to staff 15,000.00
To carry forward to New A/c. ... 53,416.12
\$408,416.12

Owing to many adverse circumstances our trade with China during the past year has been unsatisfactory, but we have fortunately been able to find profitable outlets for our sugars in India, Europe and other quarters.
Consulting Committee.—The Committee consists of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O. M. G., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Messrs. F. Mainland, A. O. Ling, and H. P. White who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F. C. A., and A. R. Lowe, F. C. A., who offer themselves for re-election.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

CHINA SUGARS.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—Would for kindly spare me a few lines in your valuable paper?

I have not as yet seen any reply to "Pro Bono Publico's" letter of 12th inst., but if he will look up the Telegraph for January he will see there were buyers forward for March at \$132.

There is a murmur on the street about short sales this month, so the Bull or Bear will suffer.

Yours etc.,

FRAGRANT MURMUR.
Hongkong, March 17, 1917.

A FOOTBALL MATTER.

Sir,—After perusing "Spectator's" letter, which appeared in your issue of the 17th inst., I take it that he is not a constant reader of your valuable paper. If he is, I must say that he is very dense; if he is not, then I would most respectfully refer him to my fellow countryman's letters, published in your columns some weeks ago, under the caption "German Brutality," which will serve as a reply to his queries.

My idea in writing you on the subject under discussion was to give the match as much publicity as possible, with a view to impressing upon the Association the necessity of appointing a fair-minded and strict referee and, at the same time, to prevent a repetition of the brutal assault which took place at the last meeting of these two teams. I had nothing more in mind.

As to "Spectator's" suggestion that I should have addressed the Association direct, and not your goodself, I think this is absurd, for never have I known an Association to take the advice of an outsider in regard to the appointment of a referee. In my humble opinion, it would have been quite out of place for me to do so.

I purposely did not make my letter as plain as I should have, for the reason that I thought most of your readers would be able to "read between the lines," but since "Spectator" evidently holds a brief for, or is a member of, D. Company himself, I much regret the necessity of reminding him of the cowardly assault and dirty and unsportsmanlike game which took place between the two teams referred to some weeks ago.

When facts speak for themselves, comment is unnecessary, and when members of another company of the K. S. L. I. and other British spectators condemn and express themselves as thoroughly disgusted with the members of D. Company for their dirty and foul play in the match referred to, it would have been more advisable for "Spectator" to let the matter drop and not recall such an unpleasant incident as that which occurred some weeks ago, and which is still fresh in the memories of hundreds of Chinese sportsmen.

Yours, etc.

SPOUT.

(AND A CHINAMAN AT THAT).
Hongkong, March 19, 1917.

THE DEATH RATE.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board held this afternoon, the mortality returns revealed that for the week ending February 25 the death rate of the Colony was 18.00 per thousand per annum, as compared with 19.6 per last year. During the following week, the rate was 19.9, against 17.8 a year ago.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—24 "12" Slazenger Tennis Racquets. 35 dozen "M & T" Superior Golf Balls. 10 dozen Slazenger Tennis Balls. 10 dozen back stop Tennis Balls. Apply: GEO. P. LAMBERT.

TO BE LET.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Comprising:—
Tapestry covered and leather covered couches and armchairs, teak flower stands, blackwood tables, chairs, and stools, brass standard lamps, electric ceiling and table fans, electric lamps and fittings, oil paintings, pictures, ornaments, lace curtains, etc., etc.

Teak sideboard with bevelled mirrors, teak dining table and chairs, dinner wagon, glass cabinet, tea tables, ice chest, glass and cutlery ware, dinner crockery, etc., etc.

Double and single brass mounted iron bedsteads, teak wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, dressing tables, chest-of-drawers, marble top washstands, toilet crockery, enamelled bath, etc., etc.

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "ECUADOR."

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI and MANILA.

The above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., and delivery must be taken therefrom.

Consignees are hereby notified that General Average has been declared and before delivery of cargo can be given they must sign General Average Bond, furnish completed valuation statements and pay a General Average contribution of 2% of the invoice value of the goods.

Consignees of Cargo are also notified that they must produce an Import permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 26th inst at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday 27th inst. 1917, will be subject to landing and Storage Charges. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading immediately for countersignature. PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO. R.C. MORTON, General Agent.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

The special attention of the Public is directed to the under-mentioned Regulations which form part of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section three of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, on the 15th March, 1917.

33.—"Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the company thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every such addition."

34.—"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation "Consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises in which such addition shall be found."

Having regard to the possibility of a breakdown of the Company's present plant through unauthorised additions to existing installations the Public is earnestly requested to co-operate with the Company by bringing to the Company's notice any contraventions of the above regulations.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1917.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents.

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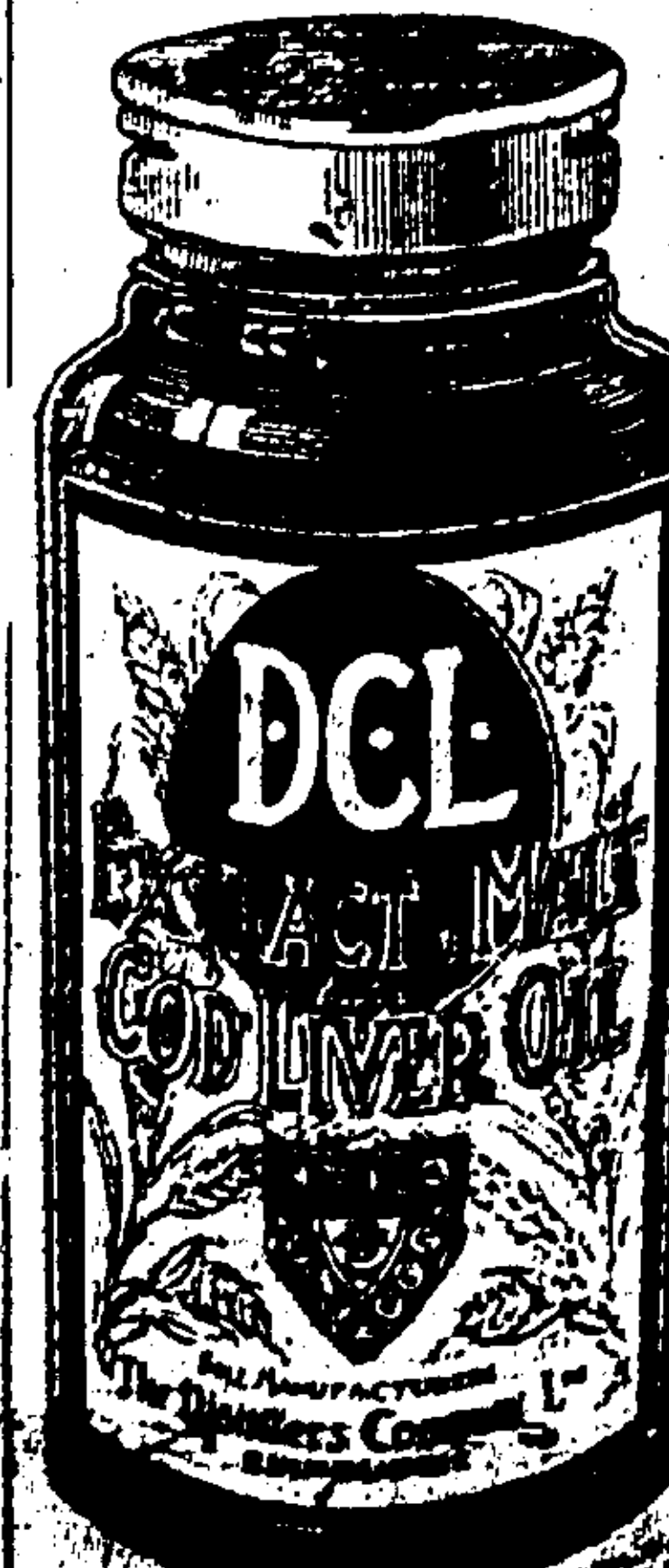
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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

More Political Prisoners Released.

Petrograd, March 19.

The public is generally giving for the common weal. A group of banks has given M. Kerensky a million roubles for political purposes.

The prayers for the Tsar and the Imperial family have been replaced in the Church services by prayers for Great Russia and her rulers.

Hundreds of political prisoners were released at Moscow. Seventeen hundred criminals also escaped; but most of them were re-arrested.

The Kieff police unanimously supported the new Government.

In some of the provincial towns the abdication manifesto was read from the stages of theatres amid tremendous enthusiasm.

An auspicious incident occurred at Petrograd at the week end when a procession of five thousand officers going to the Duma to declare their adherence met a column of returning troops, who halted and enthusiastically cheered. Prices have been fixed for staple foodstuffs.

"No Decision."

London, March 19.

A German report states:—There has been lively fighting between Ochrida and Lake Prespa, and northward of Monastir. No decision was reached.

The Fight at the Admiralty.

London, March 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd tells a graphic story of the fighting at the Admiralty, the last stronghold of the troops of the old regime. At the first sign of the revolutionary movement in the army General Khabaloff, commanding at Petrograd, over-riding the opposition of the Naval men, ordered a strong force of all arms to occupy the Admiralty. Fourteen cannon and twelve machine guns were posted at the main entrance. The revolutionaries began the siege on the following morning, and a duel with machine guns and rifles continued throughout the day and night. The superior number of the revolutionaries resulted in the gradual exhaustion of the defenders. The Minister of Marine was notified at daybreak that unless the Admiralty capitulated within twenty minutes it would be razed by heavy guns from the fortress of Peter and Paul across the Neva, manned by guardsmen. General Khabaloff was persuaded to withdraw his troops, owing to representations that much invaluable apparatus might be destroyed.

General Khabaloff ordered the cease fire and the garrison surrendered. General Khabaloff and his Staff were arrested. After the evacuation the mob started pillaging. M. Rodzianko sent a guard at the Admiral's request. The gates and doors were placarded "Protected by the Duma."

Steps were taken to protect the Royal Palace at Tsarskoe Selo when news of the revolution was received. Machine guns and armoured cars were concentrated. The guards joined the revolutionary soldiers in due course, but a few officers and soldiers were still within the Palace buildings. The Tsaritzin asked these not to fire and then addressed the revolutionary officers saying "I am now only a Sister of Mercy with my children."

The Tsarvitch and his sisters have measles.

Demonstrations in Moscow.

Moscow, March 19.

During a parade of 33,000 troops many of the regiments had red flags prominent and most of the soldiers and some officers wore red favours.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

THE GERMAN COAT OF ARMS.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that Bapaume was captured after a stiff fight with the German rearguards. The town had been systematically pillaged by the enemy, who destroyed private houses and public buildings and carried off or burnt everything of value—an appalling scene of wanton destruction. The crown indignity was the poisoning of wells.

It is left to the imagination of the residents of Hongkong, snug and safe, as to what has happened to the women and children in the hands of a race of people like the Hun.

The Imperial Arms of Germany are still allowed to be exposed in a dozen or more places over the late German Bank in Queen's Road. I think they might be covered up, if there is any real reason for preserving them. One British firm which a tenant has already done this on its portion of the building.

There can, however, be no reason for protecting these arms, as it is not at all likely that the German Bank will ever be reopened in its old building, for no German will set foot in this Colony for many years. There is only one place suitable for the owner of these arms.

Yours etc,

ST. HELENA.

Hongkong, March 20, 1917.

FORGERY CASE.

Two Chinese Committed for Trial.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, the case was concluded in which two men are charged with being concerned together in obtaining \$120 by means of forgery. The first man is charged with impersonating another man for the purpose of obtaining the money, and the second with being an accessory before the fact.

The story is that the second defendant, who lives at Tai-po, went to a broker and money-lender in March 1914 and said that a friend of his wanted some money by means of a mortgage on a field, the lot number of which, together with the "Chap Chui" (rent ticket), was produced. The broker agreed to lend the money, and it was arranged that the parties should meet at the District Land Office, Tai-po, for the deed to be signed. The name on the "Chap Chui" was Shing Lai-bing, and the broker was introduced to the first defendant, who was supposed to be Shing Lai-bing. The deed was produced and signed and later the money was handed over. No interest was ever paid, and when the broker came to enquire about the matter, he found that Shing Lai-bing had been dead for over two years, and that the first defendant had been impersonating the dead man, and had no right. The matter has been investigated before the District Officer, and eventually it was decided to bring the case before the Court.

The case for the prosecution having been closed, the second defendant gave evidence, denying the charge.

Both men were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

A Yaumati Assault Case.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies) a Chinese, named Lung Yik, was indicted on a charge of being concerned with others in the assault and attempted robbery of a Chinese woman named Chan Wong, living at 119, Temple Street, Yaumati.

Mr. G. N. Orme appeared to prosecute, and prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was un-defended.

The jury was empanelled as follows:—Messrs. A. W. Smith, C. M. McInnes, U. Ramjahn, D. P. J. Lopes, F. W. S. Evans, O. H. Ritter, and K. S. Morrison.

In outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Orme said that the prisoner, with other men, visited 119, Temple Street, Yaumati, and their attempt at robbery had, as a matter of fact, proved a failure, for they got away with nothing, and the prisoner sustained a fractured leg as a result of jumping from a window, spending a month in hospital. The house visited was a brothel, and the complainant an inmate. Three men visited her and it was early in the morning that they assaulted her, trying to snatch from her wrists a pair of bangles. They made such a noise that other inmates were roused and the men sought to get away, all jumping from a window at the back of the house. Two men got away without any trace of them being found, and the prisoner managed to get to his house, which was about one hundred yards away, where he had to wake up the principal tenant to get in. This tenant helped him to bed, and the next day the damaged limb was treated by a beef stall-holder at Yaumati, who did a little dealing in quack remedies. From enquiries made, the Police traced the prisoner to where he was lying in bed, and, on being taken to the Police Station, he was identified by the woman. He was sent to hospital. The woman had some extensive scratches and bruises, which showed that she was rather badly assaulted.

Evidence was then called. His Lordship, in sentencing, prisoner to three years' imprisonment and to receive six strokes of the "cat," said that he could consider himself lucky that he was not armed, or he would have been sent to prison for a longer term. If arms had been found on him he would not have got off so lightly. The Colony did not want such men as he.

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

More Plotting in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 13.—The Federal secret service has discovered sufficient explosives smuggled aboard the interned German steamers Prinz Eitel and Kronprinz Wilhelm in the harbour there to destroy the ships themselves, the Philadelphia Navy yards and that portion of the city along the waterfront.

Henry Rohner, a prominent German grocer of the city, together with Adelbert Fischer and his wife, the latter two said to be relatives of the Kaiser, and a number of others have been arrested as connected with the plot.

The mayor has sent an appeal to President Wilson asking that the German ships be moved to some other harbour where a successful attempt to destroy them would entail less damage to property. —*Mantle Bulletin.*

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending March 17, 1917:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 11 weeks.
This Year: ..	\$12,121	\$151,143
Last Year: ..	11,005	138,380
Increase: ..	1,116	12,763
Decrease: ..		

ODE.

TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FRONT.

When Britain first determined to defend
The sovereignty of nations small and weak
Whose freedom, threatened first by Teuton powers,
Despite the signature of solemn pacts
To preserve inviolate their guard-
less bounds,
Was sacrificed to Teuton lust of power,
From every corner of this peopled sphere
Sprang men of every race, from every clime,
Whose souls with patriotism burst to flame,
Resolved to help maintain the noble stand
'Gainst tyranny, and fight the glorious fight
To prove that might is not the only right,
Filled with the spark of patriotic fire.
Compatriots in Hongkong eager stood,
Prepared to make the last great sacrifice
If but allowed their souls' supreme desire.
Checked by the force of circumstances
And doomed to labour in an office dull,
To hear the nation's urgent call to arms,
The murdered dead in agony about load
For vengeance, they meanwhile, in safety sooned,
Impatient to discharge their duty clear,
Like hounds broke from the leash with joyful shout
When once the word was given they might go.
All honour to that noble band who've borne
The veiled taunts of ignorant disdain,
And proved their manhood, turned the scornful sneer
To ridicule in sight of all the world.
As o'er the deadly seas they steer their course
Our thoughts will follow them with heartfelt pride
And gratitude, and prayers for safe return
Will fill each one whom duty or defect
Bids watch and wait. To them the nobler part
Of besting down that tyrannous mob of hate,
Which, dead to every sense of decency,
In blinded rage kills woman, child alike,
Nor inviolate holds the sanctity of sex;
Who in their foulest minds conceived that they,
By means of savagery and frightfulness,
Could force their Kultur on unwilling folk,
And, nath the heel of terror, the whole world
Bind in one unity of loathsome dread;
That hydra-headed spawn of Cerberus,
Maimed, scorned by all the human race,
Whose foaming lips and lurid ruby tongue,
Stained with the blood of innocence and age,
Are pursued in terror to cry loud for peace,
Which word, from source corrupt and infly foul,
Refuses to resound with honest ring
And but proclaims its insincerity
And dread of degradation and defeat.
Forth ye are gone to join that gallant band:
Who, three years since, have faced the mighty foe;
Firm in the faith that God protects the right;
And mindful that a sacrifice once made,
E'en though of life, if righteous be the cause,
Shines forth eternal beacon to all time,
While those who sought not on the battlefield
To refine their souls in danger's purging flame,
While'er the height to which by fortune led,
Once dead, forgot are they; and passing time,
E'en 'till their bodies mingle with the dust,
Leaves the mound which marks their resting place.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

German Ships Taken Over.

Shanghai, March 15.—Profiting by the reports received from America of the scuttling of German ships on the eve of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between America and Germany, the Chinese authorities have exercised a little "intelligent anticipation" here in Shanghai. Yesterday armed guards were placed on board the six self interned German ships in the Huangpu river.

The German crews of the six steamers were sent on shore, and there was evidence last evening that the farther precaution was to be taken of removing three ships from the lower river to a point above the city near the Arsenal. Similar steps were taken in the United States when that country severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

The six German ships in port are the Albeuga (2,763 tons), the Deike Rickmers (2,537 tons), the Shiang (1,016 tons), the Meidab and Meiles (river boats of 1,150 tons each) and the Fortuna (112 tons). All except the small wooden craft Fortuna have been at anchor here since the beginning of the war, while she came in from Yangtze ports on July 3, 1915. There are no interned German gunboats here, although there are two at Hankow. Other enemy ships in port are the Adriatic-Lloyd str. Bohemia, China, and Silesia, all fine liners that formerly ran between Japan and Trieste and which have been here since September, 1914; but they are Austrian, not German.

The Chinese navy officials had charge of yesterday's proceedings on the river, and the guards placed on board the German ships were Chinese navy men from the ships of the first cruiser squadron in the charge of Admiral Lin Pao-yueh, who succeeded Admiral Li, who lost office at the time of the naval turn-over in connection with the Yunnan rebellion. There are four cruisers and a transport in the first squadron and the cruiser Haiyang took an important part in the steps that were taken yesterday.

In the Wayside-Yingtzepo district were the Albeuga, the Shiang, and the Fortuna. The Haiyang moved up stream and then a small, white, armed yacht flying an Admiral's pennant, a vessel without an English name but commonly known as "the Admiral's yacht," went alongside the German ships, and formally notified the German officers that wireless instructions had been received from Peking during the night that the Chinese navy was to take possession of all German craft.

The German crews left the ships quietly, having no alternative with an armed guard on board, an armed ship alongside, and a cruiser standing by. Chinese officers with details of sailors and marines were placed in charge of the ships. All this took place yesterday forenoon, beginning at nine o'clock, and the whole thing was carried out systematically without a hitch.

Late yesterday afternoon, the tug Vulcan and Victoria were seen alongside the Shiang, and there was a report that the three vessels in the lower river were last night to be towed to the upper river near where the Deike Rickmers has been for about a year. It is interesting to note in this connection that the second ranking officer of the Chinese Naval Department has been in Shanghai for some days. —Admiral Tiao Chia-hsing Vice Minister of Marine, who was sent from Peking to take charge of defensive arrangements at Shanghai. —*N. China Daily News.*

And blots out every trace with grass and weeds.

Farwell, ye noble souls who did not dare

But take a man's part in this deadly fray;

Your deeds in letters large of gold will shine;

Bright as the sun on the eternal scroll of fame.

NEMO.

Hongkong, March 19, 1917

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT CO.

Annual General Meeting.

The twenty-eighth annual general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at Shanghai last Thursday.

Mr. E. J. Hogg, the Chairman, in the course of his speech, said:—The conditions which I mentioned in my speech the last time I addressed you which had led your Directors to restrict operations to a considerable extent have again been the cause for a continuance of a similar policy. The high rate of exchange which ruled during the greater part of the year affected the prices of imported material to only a limited extent and building costs still remain high. A certain amount of new work has, however, been undertaken with a view to the improvement of existing estates. Four foreign residences in the western district commenced in 1915 were completed during the year and we shall receive full rents from these for the current year. The present intention of your Directors is to limit the building operation in this district to a further two or three residences unless circumstances arise which give prospect of promising returns on capital expenditure. A very urgent demand for small houses at reasonable rents in the neighbourhood of Hongkew Park was met by erecting a terrace of eight houses; these were all taken as soon as ready and as the demand continued a further nine houses were commenced and these will be ready for occupation in the early summer.

Two large blocks of reinforced concrete godowns were commenced on our Szechuen Road Estate. It may be thought that the present was not the best time to undertake operations of this nature, but your Directors gave the matter very serious consideration and, in view of the fact that there is little likelihood of any considerable reduction in the price of steel for at least some time after the end of the war, and that the land while earning nothing was costing a considerable sum in interest, decided that the balance of economy was in favour of immediate development. The godowns should be ready for occupation towards the end of the year, and as they are centrally situated and conveniently arranged for either small or large tenancies, and every precaution has been taken to secure the very lowest fire insurance rate for our tenants, a substantial increase in our rentals should result in 1918.

In the accounts there is little that needs further explanation. On the debit side of Working Account, charges and salaries are slightly decreased, the latter in consequence of our being without an assistant clerk of works for some time. The small increase in rental is due to an increased house allowance to the manager under his new agreement. The legal expenses are increased by necessary formalities in connection with the debenture issue. The debit balance on interest is increased by Tls. 41,399.50. As I pointed out in my remarks in 1914 and again in 1915, the debit balance on interest account will continue to increase so long as we add to and develop our properties without increasing our share capital. This account, as you know, shows the balance of interest paid out on debentures and bank overdraft, less interest received from mortgagees, plus interest on undeveloped land, the last being transferred each year from the profit and loss balance to "Improvements" and "Renovations" Account.

The balance of Working Account is Tls. 35,341.61 less last year, due entirely to the fact that our interest debit balance is increased while the amount spent on development, etc., was not fully productive during the year. On the credit side of Working Account gross rents are increased Tls. 14,351.70 and net rents Tls. 5,185.22, outgoings being also increased to the extent of Tls. 9,166.48, this increase being mainly due to insurance (Tls. 3,800 increase); repairs (Tls. 5,000 increase);

A WORTHY APPEAL.

Can Hongkong Provide Another Aeroplane?

Mr. J. J. Bryan, Hon. Corresponding Secretary of the Overseas Club in Hongkong, sends us a copy of a letter received from the Hon. Secretary of the Club. In doing so, Mr. Bryan says steps are being taken to determine the advisability of collecting sufficient funds to pay for another Hongkong aeroplane, and it is hoped that particulars will be published shortly. The letter is as follows:—

London, January, 1917.

Dear Sir,—With the permission of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, I am enclosing a leaflet about the Imperial Aircraft Flotilla formed by the Overseas Club, which I feel sure will interest you. So far, thanks to the splendid generosity of our friends overseas, we have been the means of presenting 83 aeroplanes to the Royal Flying Corps.

We believe that residents overseas can help to bear the burden of the Empire's defence in no more practical way than by providing funds for the purchase of aircraft. The war ge of aircraft is very great, and, with your co-operation, we hope to be able to keep up gifts of aeroplanes while the war lasts.

May we ask you whether we may count on your valued support? One of the outstanding features of the war has been the splendid achievements of the British Air Service, and any gift you or your friends may be able to spare is a small expression of our admiration.

Since the outbreak of the war, we have collected over \$350,000 for war purposes.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) JOHN EVELYN WRENCH,
Hon. Secretary and Organiser.

and water (Tls. 2,000 increase) taxes, wages and sundries showing a slight decrease. The increase in repairs is due entirely to the increased cost of material. Repairs during 1915 were cut down to the lowest possible point consistent with efficient management, in the hope that prices would be more favourable in 1916, and this has tended to make the work necessary during 1916 somewhat heavier. All our properties have, however, been kept in good, substantial repair.

Transfer fees, commission and fire insurance commission show little variation.

Profit & Loss Account needs little further explanation; we have not the substantial profits on sales to the credit of this account as was the case last year, but as you will remember, we carried last year Tls. 150,000 of these profits to Equilisation of Dividend Fund, with the object of spreading the 1915 profits over several years; and we propose to make use of Tls. 50,000 of this now.

Premium Account, i. e., premium on debentures, is Tls. 1,008 in excess of last year; the debit side of this account explains itself.

The two reserve funds are dealt with in the report, and Improvement & Renovations Account is also dealt with in this report. I need not remind you that the whole of the interest on undeveloped land is credited to this account, practically the whole of the payments from which are for rebuilding an improved class of Chinese houses on Will's and Ohwang Hong Estates; and all the payments are such as in the absence of this account would have been chargeable to the capital accounts of various estates.

The balance sheet shows the book cost of our estates increased to Tls. 9,059,892.79, or an increase over last year of Tls. 739,205.12. Particulars of this various estates on which this money has been spent are noted in the report, and I may add that the Tls. 739,000 some Tls. 12,000 spent on small lots of land to square off estates will be productive in the form of rents during 1917 and 1918.

NOTICES.

BARRIBAL PICTURES FREE.

For a limited time only. Anyone returning 10 Empty Westminster "Specials" Cigarette tins to the Westminster Tobacco Co., Ltd., 18, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, will receive free of all cost one of the famous Barribal Girl Pictures, reproduced in Oils, stretched on canvas, and mounted on wooden frames.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1916, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 18th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, AND REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916 and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1917.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD., AND REDUCED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$250 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1917.

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NOTICES.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

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THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at NOON, on WEDNESDAY the 28th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed by Messrs. McKesson & Robbins, Inc., of New York, to be their Sole Agents for Hongkong, Macao, Kwong Chow Wan and South China, for the sale of Drugs, Chemicals, Druggists' Sundries and kindred goods.

THE HONGKONG MERCANTILE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1917.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom).

NOTICE is hereby given that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1917, to WEDNESDAY, 28th April, 1917, both days INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1917.

FOR SALE.

MOTOR CARS, MOTOR CARS, 1917 Overland Touring Cars, 6 Cylinder, 7 Seater.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Duddell Street,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1917.

FOR SALE.

24 "IZ" Slazenger Tennis Racquets.
35 dozen "M & T" Superior Golf Balls.
10 dozen Slazenger Tennis Balls.
10 pieces back stop tennis netting.

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POST OFFICE.

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the undesignated articles are prohibited from importation into the United Kingdom, either by letter post or by parcel post.

Gold manufactured or unmanufactured, including gold coins and articles containing gold or containing silver; and silver watches and silver watch cases; Jewellery of any description.

Letters and Parcels containing such articles cannot therefore be accepted for transmission by the Post Office.

FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that parcels of goods must be sent in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary to show in the above-mentioned (1) The full name and address of the addressee; (2) A statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siberia, and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 2 p.m.
Shatutok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Aberdeen, Au-tu, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Samshui and Wanchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Nantau and Samshui.—Week days, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Shamshui.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.
Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 8.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kumchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chiya M., Jap., s.s. 1,065, Sakamoto, 19th Mar.—Keeburg, 17th Mar. Coal—Oawa & Co.
Chiya M. II, Jap., s.s. 1,311, Kawada, 19th Mar.—Hongay, 15th Mar. Coal—Oawa & Co.
Fushiki M., Jap., s.s. 1,000, Fuji, 19th Mar.—Keeburg, 17th Mar. Coal—M.B.K.
Haimun, Br., s.s. 641, Euai, 19th Mar.—Halibow, 18th Mar. Rice—Chinese.
Mikail M., Jap., s.s. 1,999, Kounoki, 19th Mar.—Muka, 15th Mar. Coal—M.B.K.
Choo M., Jap., s.s. 1,615, Naita, 20th Mar.—Kobe, 23rd Mar. Gen.—O.S.K.
Loorgang, Br., s.s. 1,928, Leach, 20th Mar.—Manila, 17th Mar. Gen.—J.M. & Co.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Gordon Mr & Mrs Gregg
Campbell Cook n Harding
Galt MacCarrie
Walt n Wain n

Amha T. Lue Chur-m n
Bridges M n H E Mayer
Crocker J H Ma-tel Count's
Cook O Mad n J
Ho S K Rugh A
James B South W M
Jo Shuen Tora Mr & Mrs L B
Kwai M n G L Tora Mrs L B
Kwai Ch n Takauchi K
Li H n G n Wal L O

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.
Just arrived Fresh assorted
American Sweets & Fry's
Chocolates.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 20th at 11.15—Pressure has increased considerably over Hokkaido, and slightly from Wuhuwei to Cape St. James. It has decreased moderately over central Japan and slightly over the Philippines and Borneo.

A shallow depression lies to the south of Japan, and an anticyclone over N. China.

Moderate to fresh monsoon on in indicate along the east coast of China and over the north part of the China sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.29 inches, against an average of 4.33 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Bc...	N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some rain.
2 Fore-ground Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
March 20, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds.	Force.	Weather.
Yokohama	5a	30.24			sw	1	
Nagasaki	5a	30.23			sw	0	
Kobe	5a	29.95			n	2	
Kyushu	5a	29.93			n	2	
Nagasaki	5a	30.01			n	3	
Kyushu	5a	29.98			n	3	
Oshima	5a	29.97			n	1	
Naha	5a	30.01			n	1	
Ishijima	5a	30.07			e	1	
Shimonoseki	5a	30.06			e	1	
Wharfedale	5a	30.24	36	36	n	4b	
Hankow							
Kiukiang							
Changsha		30.19	36	100	sw	1b	
Shanghai		30.15	44	92	n	2b	
Guangzhou		30.16	54	82	e	2r	
Amoy	5a	30.06	58	76	sw	4b	
Swatow	5a	30.11	55	87	e	1b	
Taihou	5a	30.05	59	83	e	6b	
Taihou		29.97	61		sw	1b	
Taihou		29.95	59		nne	4b	
Koshun		29.93	73		nne	6b	
Fuzhou		29.97	66		n	7b	
Canton	5a	30.04	61	100	nsw	2b	
H'kong		30.01	63	93	e	3od	
Gap Rock		29.93			nne	4b	
Macao		30.01	63	98	nsw	2b	
Wuchow	5a						
Peking							
Holbow		29.98	66	90	ene	4b	
Phu Lien		29.91	72		e	2b	
Tourane		29.80	75		e	4b	
O. St. J.		29.87	72	94	e	0b	
Apurri	6	29.81	73	91	e	0b	
Dagupan		29.85	72	84	e	0b	
Manila		29.83	77	89	e	0b	
Legaspi		29.81	75	96	nsw	2b	
Bohol		29.79	77	91	n	4b	
Surigao		29.73	80	95	n	2b	
Labuan							

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 20, 1917.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.51	30.01	30.02
Temperature	75	63	67
Humidity	74	53	73
Wind Direction	NW	E	E
Force	2	3	4
Weather	b	cd	o
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lightest spec. M. Temperature on 20th	19th	20th	21st
Lowest	61	61	61

H.K. Observatory, March 20, 1917.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 19th Mar. to 25th Mar.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Mar. 19	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 20	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 21	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 22	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 23	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 24	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
Mar. 25	11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15

ENTERTAINMENT.

CLARKE'S CIRQUE

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(No site being available in HONGKONG.)

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club, will be held in the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,
E. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1917.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for A Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.
THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANON LTD.,
Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.